

After 13 years of working as a Frozen Foods manager at Burger Supermarkets in Munster, Indiana, he was hired on full-time as the Organizer and Business Representative for Local 1460 of the Retail Clerks Union of Lake County. In 1980, Wallace became the President of Local 1460, and the first contract he negotiated as President increased the membership wage by \$2.10 over the three-year contract. During his tenure, he dedicated himself to improving the working and financial conditions of the membership. After his time served as President, he became the Secretary-Treasurer of Local 1550 of UFCW, from 1986–1989.

After the merger of Local 1550 and Local 881 of UFCW in 1989, Wallace served as a Collective Bargaining Negotiator until he was named Director of Collective Bargaining in 1994. In 1996, he was named Executive Vice President and Director of Collective Bargaining.

Not only has Wallace had many positive accomplishments in his career with the union, he has also actively contributed to his community through many service organizations. He has served as the Union Trustee for the UFCW Union and Employers Calumet Region Insurance Fund since 1974, as well as holding the office of Democratic Precinct Committeeman in Highland, Indiana. He has also been a community leader through his role as Vice President of the Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor AFL–CIO (Retail Wholesale Sector). Although Wallace has dedicated his life to his career and his community, he has never neglected to provide support and love for his family. Wallace and his wife, Sheila, have been married for 36 years, and have two sons, Steven and Jason.

Mr. Speaker, Wallace Evans has been an active force in his union, as well as a positive leader for the Northwest Indiana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating him on his well-deserved retirement. His service to his career and devotion to Indiana's First Congressional District deserves the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

IN HONOR OF EXCELLENCE IN
TEACHING, LINDA MILLER—
TEACHER

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Linda Miller, an inspirational and loving teacher in San Antonio, TX at Theodore Roosevelt High School. Today Linda Miller, who dedicates her life to the success and education of her students, is honored with Time Warner Cable's National Teachers Awards Division Crystal Apple Award.

Each year Time Warner Cable honors 20 classroom projects, and the teachers who develop them, with the Crystal Apple Award. This award recognizes outstanding teachers who create learning experiences using cable technology. Ms. Miller's project embraced Japanese animation's historical and cultural heritage as well as technology's impact on its popularity.

Linda Miller has a record of achievement reflecting her passion for teaching. She has received the Teacher of the Year award presented to her by the American Legion, as well as being identified as an Outstanding Teacher by the Rotary Club. Linda Miller's immense dedication to her students speaks for itself as Roosevelt High School presented her with the Humanitarian award for identifying students with special needs and pairing them with the mainstream students, in a buddy system. According to one fellow teacher, she surprised many of her colleagues who did not even realize that special needs students even attended.

Time Warner Cable seeks ways to support the educators and institutions that help shape our Nation. By enabling the power of cable television's 21st century technology and high-quality programming to unite teachers, students and parents, both in the classroom and for the benefit of the community, Time Warner strives to enhance the level of education in the classroom. It is, however, remarkable teachers such as Linda Miller who make this possible.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinguished pleasure to honor Linda Miller because I recognize that it is the perseverance and dedication of teachers like her that will lead our youth to a bright future.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GEOFFREY CHENEY FERRIS AS HE IS
REMEMBERED FOR HIS OUT-
STANDING MILITARY SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today at the Headquarters of the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery of the United States Army in Bamberg, Germany many have gathered to pay tribute to a true hero and a New Haven, Connecticut native, Lieutenant Geoffrey Cheney Ferris. Today, the actions of Lieutenant Ferris will be memorialized with the dedication of the Headquarters in his honor. I am proud to stand today to join the members of the 33rd Field Artillery Regiment in paying tribute to Lieutenant Ferris, who made the ultimate sacrifice in defending our nation during World War II.

On the morning of May 6, 1943, Lieutenant Ferris, an artillery observer, reported to Company E, 26th Infantry during an assault of a strongly held enemy position in Dj El Deba, Tunisia. As an artillery observer, Lieutenant Ferris' duties included securing observation posts from which artillery strikes on the enemy could be called. In the breaking light of the morning, Lieutenant Ferris determined it impossible for a suitable observation post to be secured in the area occupied by Company E, and—as described by his commanding officer and others—with extreme disregard for his own safety advanced alone in front of Company E to establish an observation post. Determined and unyielding, Lieutenant Ferris advanced over an area of several hundred yards beyond the closest of infantrymen and was just short of an excellent observation post when he was mortally wounded by enemy fire.

Lieutenant Ferris' heroic attempt to advance his fellow soldiers was recognized by our nation with the award of the Distinguished Serv-

ice Cross—the second highest award for valor and heroism in action which can be bestowed. Today, his former company, the “Golden Lions” of the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery again pay tribute to Lieutenant Ferris' memory and selfless sacrifice with the dedication of their headquarters in his honor.

It is my honor and privilege to rise today to join the 33rd Field Artillery, Governor John Rowland of Connecticut, and all of those who have gathered to recognize Lieutenant Geoffrey Cheney Ferris—one of Connecticut's sons—for his unparalleled courage and distinguished service in the United States Army. I am proud to present this statement and a flag which has been flown over the United States Capitol to be displayed at the Battalion Headquarters. Lieutenant Ferris is a true American hero whose story and legacy of heroism is sure to inspire generations to come.

THOMAS STONE HIGH SCHOOL, A
TOP AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Stone High School in Charles County Maryland, for its ranking among the nation's top 700 most demanding public schools as reported in Newsweek. I would like to commend Thomas Stone High School on incorporating a curriculum that challenges and advances the abilities of all students who attend this public school.

The 2003 Challenge Index rated each school by analyzing the number of advanced placement or International Baccalaureate tests taken by students in the high school and the number of graduating seniors from that school in a given year. Those schools who received a rating of 1.0, which meant that the number of students graduating was less than the number of tests given, were considered above average and included in the index. Based on this ratings scale, Thomas Stone High School achieved the ranking of 364th in schools across the nation who met this 1.0 rating.

The Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB), a European based program, are courses students can take which have a more challenging curriculum and prepare the students for their endeavors at the collegiate level. In addition to this, these exams also allow the individual students to earn college credit depending on the score they receive on the exam.

Thomas Stone High School includes 1916 students with 392 of those graduating this year. Out of those 392 students graduating, the school expects 72 percent to attend a college or university. To aid students in continuing their education the school estimates that nearly 4.2 million dollars has been spent on scholarships. Students are allowed to participate in nineteen Advanced Placement courses, as well as scholar's courses and the JROTC. Thomas Stone High School has a student who sits on the State Board of Education as well as the County Board of Education. The school has Board Certified teachers and the Principal, Mr. Heath Morrison, was named the Maryland Association of Student Council's Principal of the Year. It is easy to